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Letter dated 3 April 2001 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I wish to refer to the presidential statement dated 2 June 2000, in which the Security Council requested me to establish a panel of experts on the illegal exploitation of natural resources and other forms of wealth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for a period of six months. The Council also requested that the expert panel, once established, submit, through me, its final report at the end of the mandate.

In my letter dated 23 March 2001, I informed the Security Council that the Panel needed additional time to finalize the report. However, subsequently it became apparent that more time would be required to complete analysing the voluminous information obtained by the Panel.

I recommend therefore, that the Panel submit its final report to the Council by 16 April 2001, so that the Council could consider it during the following week. I would be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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